

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4392

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic 229-231 West Saratoga Street

and/or common Arrow Parking

**2. Location**

street & number 229-231 W. Saratoga Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of congressional district Seventh

state Maryland county Baltimore

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Melvin and Benjamin Greenwald

street & number 250 W. Pratt Street

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21201

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse 15B97

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 769

city, town Baltimore state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This post-WWII parking garage faces north on W. Saratoga and abuts two partywall structures. The garage is six stories high and one large bay wide. The street frontage is 41' and the depth is 181'4". It has an L-shaped footprint that wraps around the back of the building to the east.

The garage is covered with a veneer of brick. Horizontal bands are cut into the wall, creating the low wall and open window pattern on each story. There is no roof shelter over the sixth parking level.

The first story is the tallest, with a large opening cut in. The opening is framed with cast concrete surrounds. A pair of security gates swing inward. The interior is divided into three lanes: the first is for exit, the second for entrance, and the third is the passenger footway. A ticket booth separates the first and second lanes. The elevator and stairs are located against the west wall. The internal structure is of coffered ceilings with reinforced concrete beams.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect ~~xxxxxxx~~ unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This circa 1960s parking structure is a significant building type in the Baltimore commercial streetscape. The need for parking structures is a twentieth-century phenomenon that accompanied that rise of the automobile. The six-story height of this structure indicates the increasing density of traffic and the need for parking in the downtown district, a need for both office workers and shoppers. The garage also indicates the prevalence of commuter traffic in the downtown area in the post-War period and, as such, makes a contrast with the residential nature of the downtown in the nineteenth-century. The location of the parking structure also indicates the primacy of the Howard Street area: the structure is needed to serve Howard Street area enterprises but is not an appropriate or affordable building type to actually locate on the main street. Thus, by implication, Saratoga Street is a lesser street in the economic hierarchy.

The style of the garage is a good example of a circa 1960s utilitarian structure. The design is one of crisp blocks and bands, the lines are clean and the structural parts emphasize geometric regularity. The white sills, lintels and jambs around the openings add a decorative touch. The parging on the side walls also articulates the geometry of the bays.

The interior of the garage exposes its internal structure. The reinforced concrete posts and beams form a functional aesthetic which is deemed appropriate for the structure and is typically never covered up.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

**UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references

**A**

Zone Easting Northing

**B**

Zone Easting Northing

**c**

**D**

**E**

**F**

**G**

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Baltimore

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-514-7600

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA**

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:  
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture  
Economics

Resource Type:  
Building

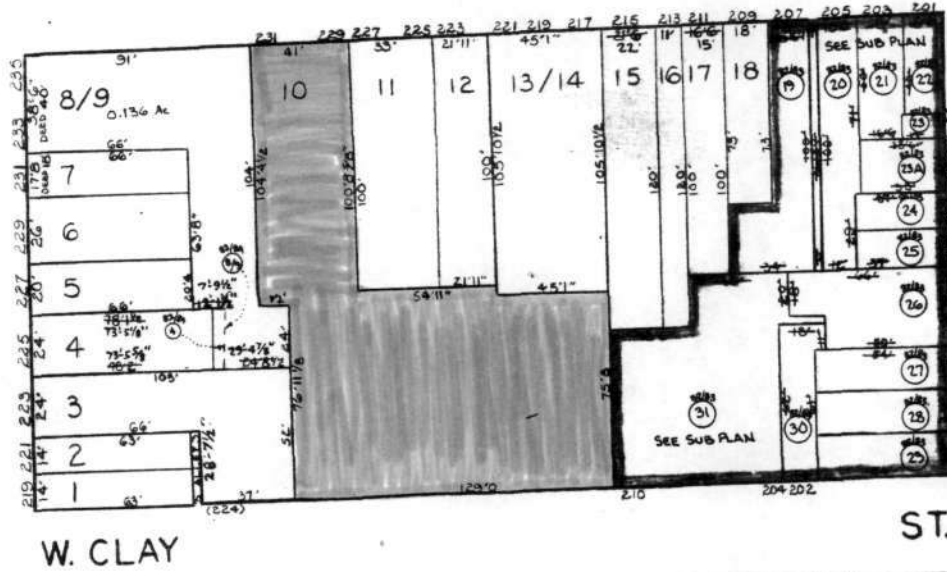
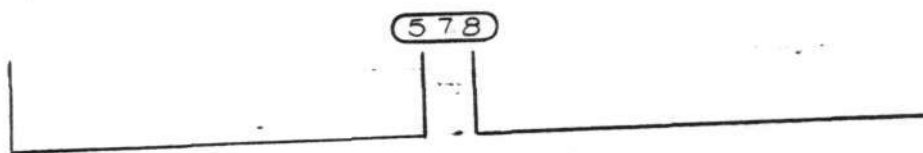
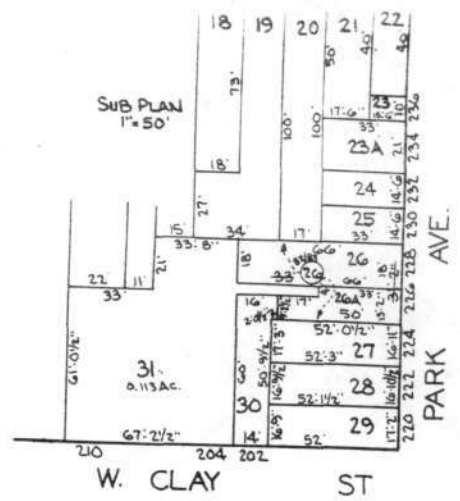
Historic Environment:  
Urban

Historic Function and Use:

Transportation

Known Design Source:  
None

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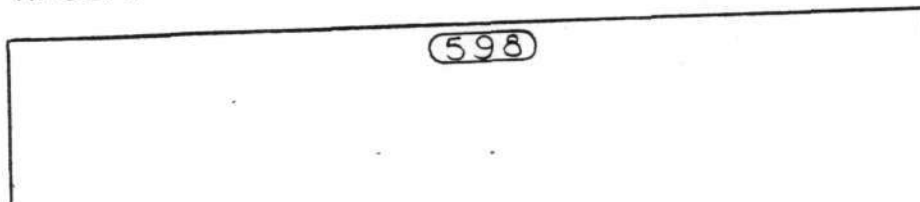


PARK AVE.

599

W. CLAY

ST.



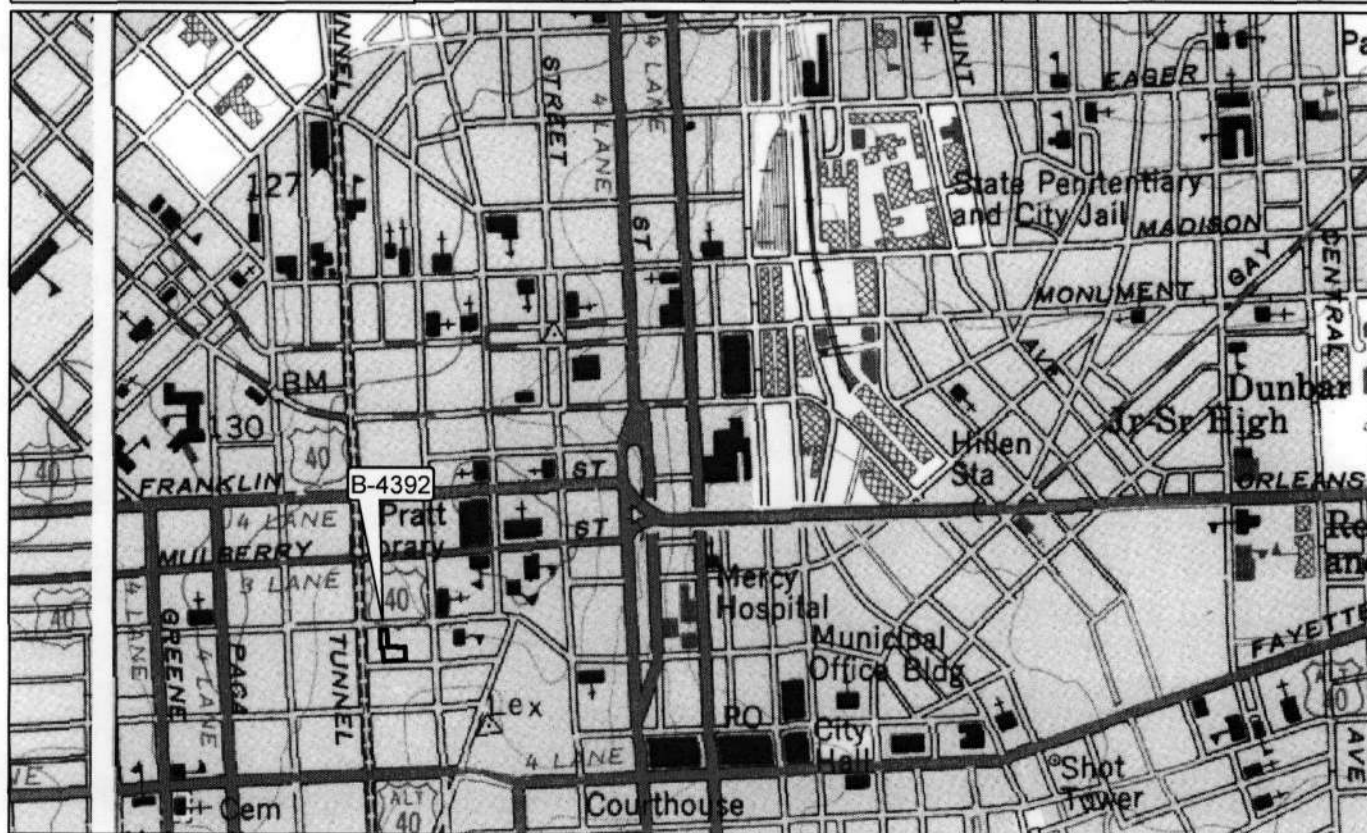
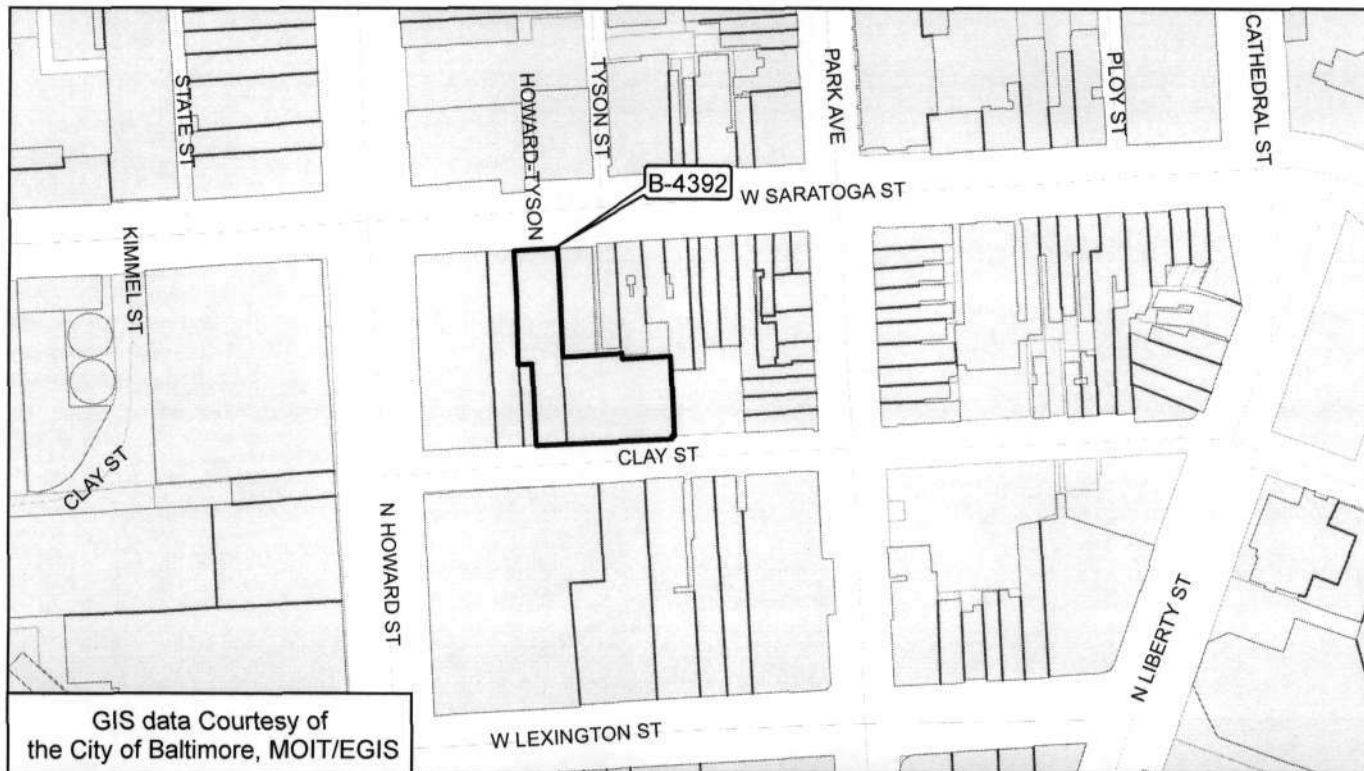
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CITY OF BALTIMORE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION  
WARD 4 SECTION 10  
BLOCK 597  
SCALE 1"=50' DATE Nov. 1966



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Arrow Parking  
229-231 W. Saratoga Street  
Block 0597, Lot 010  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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229-231 W. Saratoga St. / Arrow Park

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

8/91

Maryland SHPO

Facade, north elevation

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